

OUR 97TH SEASON! 1922-2019
THE CHATHAM PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENTS

OTHER DESERT CITIES

BY JON ROBIN BAITZ

OCTOBER 5-20, 2018

THE CHATHAM PLAYHOUSE
23 NORTH PASSAIC AVENUE
CHATHAM, NJ



CAST

in order of appearance

Polly Wyeth	LYNN LANGONE
Brooke Wyeth	ADRIANA SPIZUOCO
Lyman Wyeth	DAVID ROMANKOV
Trip Wyeth	SCOTT TYLER
Silda Grauman	TERRI STURTEVANT

Time: Christmas Eve, 2004,

Place: The Wyeth home, Palm Springs, California

There will be two acts and one 15-minute intermission.

Director's Note

Tennessee Williams once opined that it was dangerous knowing a writer, for invariably your life would be part of their work. He wasn't apologetic about it—he just stated it as a fact. Writers, like any artist, are on a life quest for truth, for themselves and of the world around them. Sometimes that truth isn't nice, or convenient, but that quest is a natural part of the human condition. That need for clarity drives our art, science, and culture. It's one of the noblest traits of humanity.

The people that Baitz creates are conflicted: lovingly cruel, depressingly hopeful, happily woeful. He captures the dynamics and range of feelings that families have for one another as few writers can. These characters are not heroes or villains, they're just people. Pieces like *Other Desert Cities* remind us that we are all going through our own private battles and that life is a struggle for our own truth. But that truth comes at a price. The consequences of truth can be devastating and invite cynicism. And once known, there's no returning to our ignorant bliss. This lesson paradoxically doesn't lessen our curiosity, but only emboldens it. Ultimately, most people find that truth is worth its price. And I'm sure Tennessee would caution you all—beware of writers.

Chatham Community Players presents

Other Desert Cities

A Play by

Jon Robin Baitz

DIRECTED BY

Jonathan Wierzbicki

SET DESIGN

Roy Pancirov

PRODUCER

Eileen Johnston

COSTUME DESIGN

Beverly Wand

SOUND DESIGN

Joe DeVico

STAGE MANAGER

Andrea Sickler

LIGHTING DESIGN

Richard Hennessy

PRODUCTION
COORDINATOR

Steffi Denmark

SCENIC ARTIST

Stephen Crooks

PROPS & SET
DECORATION

Tish Lum

*Other Desert Cities is produced by Special Arrangement with
Dramatists' Play Service, Inc.*

October 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 8 p.m.

October 14 at 3 p.m.

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23 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey